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SB234 - Insurance coverage for autism – Support

Chairman and Fellow Committee members,

Montana Nurses Association (MNA) is the voice of nurses in Montana representing the interests of Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

MNA supports improving access to care for children who suffer from an autism spectrum disorder. These vulnerable children benefit from early treatment to maximize their potential for development. Without appropriate health care interventions they will be less likely to function productively. Autism is a treatable health disorder; treatments should be covered by health insurance.

MNA requests a friendly amendment to include advanced practice nurses as covered providers.

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